

**Monday: 18/02/08**

Ezra 3:11

As Christians we know we owe so much to God. For in everything he provides all that we need. He has blessed us and has provided our reconciliation through his only Son Jesus the Christ. In all things we should recognise his majesty.

The first reflection for this week is on our need to pray with joyful thanksgiving. Our prayer should reflect and resound with all the wonderful things God has and is doing for us every hour, every day. To thank God for his amazing Grace.

Prayer comes in many forms. We will take time to reflect this week on six forms that will totally empower our witness to others.

Each day take time to thank God for his mercies.

Lord, thank you for all your mercies.

**Tuesday: 19/02/09**

Romans 10:1

The prayer of Intercession has a unique power. In it we are praying for others. Sometimes we pray with their knowledge of our efforts. While other times we will pray quietly for someone's needs without them knowing.

As in this verse, we are reminded to fervently pray for the Salvation of others. To intercede by prayer that they will come to a complete reconciliation with God through his Son Jesus the Christ. This one prayer is one of the most significant prayers of intercessions we can make for others.

Who do we know needs our prayers this week.

Lord, may I intercede for others in your name.

**Wednesday: 20/02/10**

James 5:16

Most Christians understand that we are saved and reconciled with God through his Son. Yet how many understand that we still are apt to make mistakes and cross the line. We can harbour anger and resentment. We can say spiteful things about someone who has hurt us. We can say little white lies that can hurt someone we don't like or understand.

So our prayer today is one of confession. We will approach God in prayer. Admitting to the things that we have done. Things that eventually come between us and our closeness with God.

Confessional prayer is important as it clears the air and keeps our hearts and thoughts focused on God.

We should seek God and tell him what we have done.

Lord, may I never keep hidden what you can see.

**Thursday: 21/02/11**

Philippians 4:6

The Petition prayer is perhaps what most Christians are the most familiar with. We all take these to God and ask for a range of things. We may be anxious for a job. Or perhaps we have a test of some sort that we need to get through.

Our verse today tells us to take everything to God. Not to become anxious. As God hears our fervent prayers and will take care of us. That He will hear our petition. Just be aware that what we want and what we need are two vastly different things. I may want to win Lotto, but that is not what I may need.

In your petition have faith God hears and know what's best for you in all things.

Lord, in my petition I acknowledge your Grace.

**Friday: 22/02/12**

Psalm 100:2

Worship, Praise and Adoration: Three vital words for every Christian. We are encouraged in this verse to enter his presence with joyful singing. To let our joy for our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ and for our Creator God shine brightly.

I know that every Sunday we join together and sing praises and pray fervently with joy in our hearts for the majesty of God. Yet, there are six other days in the week. Do we shine with the same level of worship, praise and adoration as we do each Sunday? Or do we put this on hold while we deal with our everyday struggles in life?

Take time to count the days and find new ways to sing God's Glory and praise his Holy Name.

Lord, your Holy name is worth of my adoration.

**Saturday: 23/02/13**

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Many Christians have found the inner beauty and strength that comes from an ongoing dialogue with God. We would call it an inner conversation.

This conversation is really the same we would have with someone who is walking with us. We say something regarding the weather or how things are going. And we wait and listen to the reply. Pretty much the sort of thing the disciples would have done while traveling with Jesus.

Have you discovered the deep loving personal relationship you can have with God and Jesus; through an ongoing conversation?

Lord, I enjoy our conversations.

## *The Power of Prayer*



Prayer is our life line to God our Father.  
Reading His word we seek to know His will.  
As we share his Grace with those in darkness.  
Yesterday's a blessing to look back on.  
Each moment etched in time and memories.  
Reaching for tomorrow I will sing praise.  
In each word I'll worship, praise and adore.  
So that my walk with God will shine brightly.  
Power is revealed through a Christian's prayer.  
Our deepest requests are laid bare to God.  
We need not be anxious; trusting in God.  
Each word of each prayer is heard by our Lord.  
Reaching down he has heard pour ardent prayers.

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## **Six days to Sunday**



## **Stepping Stones**

## **of Faith**

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*We believe in the Bible over all of life  
and that Salvation is: In Christ alone,  
by Grace alone, through Faith alone.*